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Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was irregular in the West, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was seasonally slow to moderate for features. Food service demand was improved to moderate, but fairly good for fast food and restaurants. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Boneless skinless breasts and wings were close balanced to tight, and all other breast cuts were adequate. Dark meat was mixed, but mostly available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 13-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD LOADS	WTD LOADS	
		AVG	AVG	
Boston/New Eng	65.00-66.00	65.77	13	65.93 33
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.72	42	62.45 78
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			63.19 26
Denver	79.50	79.50	13	78.57 15
Detroit	60.00-62.00	62.20	10	64.39 55
Los Angeles	80.00	78.28	68	73.77 158
New York	63.00-65.00	64.07	27	65.97 52
Philadelphia	62.50-65.00	63.25	12	62.31 24
Pittsburgh	63.00-65.00	64.36	11	66.28 57
St. Louis	60.75-70.00	60.46	22	61.09 51
San Francisco	80.50	79.69	35	81.08 66

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/13/04	Change/Last Wk	12/06/04	12/15/03
615	68.00	.52	67.48	65.77

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	64.00-66.00	65.43	33
Central	59.00-67.00	64.90	75
Western	58.00-74.00	69.11	37

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	70.00-73.00	72.16	90
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

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FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,126	58.00-75.75	72.50

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	160.00	1,488
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	5,784
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,531
THIGH MEAT - B/S	70.50	1,029
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,748
WINGS	97.00	3,037

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient and in good balance with some availability noted on the smaller sizes. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts and wings were in close balance and well cleared. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall at least steady. Demand into all channels following the weekend was fair to moderate with active trading. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Breast items were better balanced to close and moving well, and dark meat was usually sufficient. Wings were barely adequate to tight and held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery at mainly unchanged prices, however some lightweight whole product noted at higher prices and heavyweight at lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample with product over 4 pounds in the longest position. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best to cover planned feature activities. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported for this week's delivery: leg quarters 29.5-32 bulk and 4/10s mainly 32, boneless leg meat 70-78, boneless thigh meat mainly 75, breast bone-in 75-87 and boneless 117-128, wings 103-103.5. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 59.21 down 1.01 with the volume reported up 7 percent to 29 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices, for the most part, were unchanged from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady on moderate offerings. Retail trade was slow to moderate. Food service demand improved over the weekend and was noted as moderate overall, instances fairly good into some fast food and restaurant accounts. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights desirable. Supplies of breast cuts were limited, wings adequate and dark meat lines were increasing in availability. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, mixed on dark meat items, and steady with a firm undertone on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and often noted as better than expected entering the upcoming Holiday period. Seller offerings were adequate and in generally good balance, with availability noted for immediate delivery at some points on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts, whole and boneless/skinless thighs and wings were generally noted as well balanced to closely cleared.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	59-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	67.72
NO. OF BOXES	8,354

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was seasonally fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were in good balance and well cleared. Bone-in breasts were available and competitively priced to stimulate additional interest. Wings were in close balance and well cleared. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to mostly fair. The market tone was barely steady for bone-in breasts, fully steady to firm on boneless skinless breasts and wings; generally steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	129.28	524,770
TENDERLOINS	110	109.93	58,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	74.63	153,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	67.97	103,400
LEGS	42-43	39.66	299,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.00	275,250
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	33.71	54,300
THIGHS	26-27	40.19	50,680
B/S THIGHS	77-78	72.94	78,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	104.84	128,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	24,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.49	18,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	59.54	19,040

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	3,171	110.00-199.00	118-125	121.88
TENDERLOINS	682	102.00-179.00	107-110	109.08
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,133	20.00-29.00	25-26	25.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,049	27.00-31.00	27-30	27.60
WINGS (WHOLE)	276	68.00-113.00	-	106.11
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 12/09	ACTUAL 12/06	AVG WTS 12/02
Alabama	4,163	3,992	5.19	4,074	5.26
Arkansas	5,610	5,418	5.05	5,480	5.07
Delmarva	2,170	2,211	5.56	2,216	5.52
KY-LA-TN	2,158	2,132	5.12	2,102	5.13
Mississippi	3,074	2,986	5.60	2,969	5.62
North Carolina	2,509	2,526	6.38	2,440	6.49
Texas	2,487	2,525	5.15	2,538	5.19
Total	22,171	21,790	5.38	21,819	5.41
Mon	22,171 (A)			21,819(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Dec 2004 is estimated to be 33,170,000 up 1.31 percent from a week ago, and up 6.4 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,742,000 last year 31,183,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	665	113.00-150.00	115-122	119.57
TENDERLOINS	275	104.00-170.00	112-120	123.25
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	69.00-76.00	72-74	72.53
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	30.00-49.00	30-32	34.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	580	24.00-29.00	26-27	27.16
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	670	27.00-34.00	28	28.06
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	94.00-100.00	94-97	95.58
WINGS (CUT)	739	113.00-118.00	116-118	116.83
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 13, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50 - 45.00	42.75	41.92

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 13-DEC-2004 TO 17-DEC-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	117.00 - 132.00	122.00 - 132.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 91.00	68.00 - 78.00
LEGS	37.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 40.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	94.00 - 109.00	99.00 - 106.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.25-90.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.75-93.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-67

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-108
	ICE PACK 103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
	ICE PACK 108-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
	ICE PACK 89-93
DUCKS	175-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 10, 2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		17.00-18.50	18.75-22.00	632,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE		18.25	20.38		
15-20%					
RANGE		16.00-22.00	18.00-20.00	2,237,000	1,677,000
WTD AVERAGE		20.16	18.86		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	17.50	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE			17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were in good balance and well cleared. The undertone was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.90
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 10, 2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	19.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE			19.00		
15-20%					
RANGE		13.75-19.00	12.00-18.00	1,882,000	964,800
WTD AVERAGE		14.99	14.05		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of dressed product were seasonal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15	10.25-11.5	11.16

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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